

**President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education
Hearing Agenda**

**The Role and Function of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in the
Implementation of Special Education**

**Wyndham Hotel
1400 M Street, N.W.
Washington, DC
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8:00 a.m. *State and Federal partnerships to Improve Special Education*

- Alice Parker, California
- Barbara Gantwerk, New Jersey

8:30 a.m. *Task Force Q & A for State and Federal Panel*

9:00 a.m. *The Office of Special Education Programs – What Works and How OSEP is
Becoming More Effective*

- Thomas Hehir, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Former Director of the
Office of Special Programs

9:30 a.m. *Task Force Q & A for the What Works OSEP Panel*

10:00 a.m. *Break*

10:30 a.m. *Consumers: Improving Special Education Through OSEP – What Works and What
Can Be Improved*

- Paula Goldberg, PACER Center
- Leslie Seid Margolis, Maryland Disability Law Center
- Dick Komer, Institute for Justice

11:10 a.m. *Task Force Q & A for Consumers Panel*

11:35 a.m. *Lunch Break*

1:00 p.m. *OSEP: Achieving Excellence in Implementing Special Education Through Federal
Leadership*

- Philip J. Burke, University of Maryland
- Susan Fowler, University of Illinois
- Martin Gould, National Council on Disability

- 1:45 p.m.** *Task Force Q & A for Federal Leadership Panel*
- 2:15 p.m.** *Public Comment on OSEP*
- 3:15 p.m.** *Adjourn (Task Force Work Session follows adjournment)*